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**EDHS**  
**Agenda Item No. 6(C)**

**TO:** Honorable Chairwoman Audrey M. Edmonson  
and Members, Economic Development &  
Human Services Committee

**DATE:** July 9, 2008

**FROM:** Kay M. Sullivan  
Director, Clerk of the Board Division

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Commission  
Committee Minutes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay M. Sullivan".

The Clerk of the Board's office is submitting the following Clerk's Summary of Minutes for approval by the Economic Development and Human Services Committee:

June 11, 2008

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**CLERK'S SUMMARY OF**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Economic Development and Human Services**  
**Committee**

Audrey M. Edmonson (3) Chair; Katy Sorenson (8) Vice Chair; Commissioners  
Barbara J. Jordan (1), Dennis C. Moss (9), and Javier D. Souto (10)

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**Wednesday, June 11, 2008**

**9:30 AM**

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS**

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**Members Present:** Audrey M. Edmonson, Barbara J. Jordan, Dennis C. Moss; Katy Sorenson, Javier D. Souto.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Members Late:** None.

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent County Business:** None.

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**1 MINUTES PREPARED BY:**

**Report:** *Jovel Shaw, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-1289*

**1A INVOCATION**

**1B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Report:** *The Committee convened in a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**1C**      **ROLL CALL**

**Report:** *The following staff members were present: Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry, Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset; and Deputy Clerk Jovel Shaw.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson informed Committee members the Miami-Dade Consumer Services Department (CSD) Director Cathy Peel and CSD staff won awards in two categories during the 2008 Achievement in Consumer Education (ACE) Awards held in Dallas. Chairwoman Edmonson stated the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators recognized CSD for creating the television show Consumer Sense, and for implementing a program to monitor the towing industry to increase compliance with local consumer protection laws.*

*Ms. Peel noted CSD had dedicated staff for consumer protection issues and she expressed appreciation to CSD staff.*

*Assistant County Attorney Summerset advised the Committee of the requested changes outlined in the June 11, 2008, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Requested Changes to the Economic Development and Human Services Committee Agenda."*

*Hearing no objection, it was moved by Commissioner Moss that the changes to today's (6/11) Committee agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sorenson, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 4-0, (Commissioner Souto were absent).*

**1D**      **CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION(S)**

1D1

**081807 Citizen's Audrey M. Edmonson**

CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION BY DR. MAE CHRISTIAN, **Presented**  
ACTING CHAIR OF THE MODEL CITY CAC, ON THE  
2009 ACTION PLAN.

**Report:** *Dr. Mae Christian, Acting Chair of the Model City Community Advisory Committee (CAC), appeared before the Committee to provide an overview of the recommendations made at the May 22, 2008, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) Model City CAC meeting pertaining to the Miami-Dade County Community Action Agency list of recommendations for the 2009 Action Plan.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson asked Dr. Christian to schedule an appointment to meet with her to discuss the recommendations presented at today's (6/11) Committee meeting.*

**1E PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

1E1

**081568 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR ONE CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO HYC SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE COMBINATION WHEELCHAIR AND STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (NE CONTROL NO. 150) (Consumer Services Department)

**Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Sorenson  
Seconder: Jordan  
Vote: 5-0**

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

1E2

**081691 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER OF ALL OF THE ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING SHARES OF STOCK OF TRI-RAIL BUS CONNECTION, INC., HOLDER OF CERTIFICATE OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 305, TO ITS NEW PRESIDENT, DADY PIERRE (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

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**081671 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WORKFORCE HOUSING PLAN, 2008 TO 2015; AUTHORIZING THE FILING WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 163.3177, FLORIDA STATUTES; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MAKE NON-SUBSTANTIVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE WORKFORCE HOUSING PLAN FOR 2008 TO 2015 (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to speak before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

*In response the request by Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, for a waiver, Chairwoman Edmonson requested staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro requesting that the Board's Rules and Procedures be waived to hear this proposed resolution at the June 17, 2008, Board meeting.*

1E4

**081429 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE POLICIES GOVERNING THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE FY 2008-2012 CONSOLIDATED PLAN THROUGH THE PREPARATION OF THE FY 2009 ACTION PLAN; APPROVING THE USE OF A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS PROCESS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM, THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME), STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP (SHIP), DOCUMENTARY SURTAX PROGRAM (SURTAX) AND THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) TO SOLICIT AGENCIES TO APPLY FOR FUNDING TO ADDRESS NEEDS ALREADY IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN OR TO MEET NEEDS RESULTING FROM THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROCESS (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Deferred to next committee meeting*  
*Mover: Jordan*  
*Seconder: Moss*  
*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing.*

*The following persons appeared before the Committee and spoke in connection with this proposed resolution:*

*Ms. Amanda Lopez, 8672 SW 40 Street, expressed that there was no need to build additional affordable housing, and the County should use existing available affordable housing to immediately address needs for this community.*

*Commissioner Sorenson questioned Ms. Lopez regarding the affordable housing she indicated was available and whether it was rental or for purchase.*

*Ms. Lopez noted her affordable housing was available for purchase with funding assistance for the potential buyers, and the selling prices started at \$139,000-\$155,000 for a two bedroom with one bath located in Commission District 1 within the City of Opa-locka. She indicated she would be able to lease some of the affordable housing units, if necessary.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, stated Ms. Lopez' issue was not unusual and the same situation existed with the County's Infill Housing Program.*

*Reverend Dr. Carl Mitchell, a member of the Model City Community Advisory Committee, urged the Committee to support this proposed resolution.*

*Mr. Martin Lampkin, 10235 SW 172 Street, stated the Citizen Participation Process did not occur prior to this proposed resolution being presented before the Committee.*

*Ms. Renita Holmes, 6118 NW 7 Avenue Suite 103, informed Committee members of her experience as a participant in the Request for Applications (RFA) Planning Process and a CAC member. She noted more time to allow input through the Citizen Participation Process was needed. Ms. Holmes concluded her comments by noting County staff did not respond to the changes submitted by the Model City CACs.*

*Mr. Al Hardemon, 685 NW 48 Street, spoke in support of this proposed resolution. He noted the current economic crisis and the need to stimulate economic benefits for this community holistically. Mr. Hardemon stated any specific project could be addressed on an individual basis as the process moved forward, as outlined in this proposed resolution.*

*Mr. Grady Mohammed, 6130 NW 7 Avenue, noted the Consolidated Planning Process as outlined in this proposed resolution had improved, however, he suggested portions of NW 7th Avenue be designated as an Arts and Culture Entertainment District. He also noted Infill Housing Program units priced at \$225,000 were too high, and had the potential of never selling.*

*Mr. Donald Patterson, South Florida Community Development Coalition, noted the document entitled, "South Florida Community Development Coalition, Comments on the Draft 'FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies'" was submitted for the record.*

*Ms. Andrea Baker, South Florida Community Development Coalition, provided an overview of the comments outlined in the document distributed to Committee members regarding the FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies.*

*Mr. Roy Hardemon stated the overall Consolidated Planning Process would provide assistance to this community. He noted the CACs*

*needed to meet monthly instead of quarterly as outlined in the Plan.*

*Mr. David Bernstein, a local developer, noted he focused on condo conversion for affordable housing and clarified that tenants of units that were converted to condos should not be displaced and they should be allowed to apply for those housing units.*

*Ms. Terry Coble, 601 NE 56 Street, Miami Coalition for the Homeless, referred to a copy of a letter sent via email to all Committee members pertaining to the Consolidated Plan. She asked the Committee to amend the Plan to provide for adequate public input. Ms. Coble noted today's public hearing would be the only public hearing held before this Committee and the County Commission. She indicated United States Department of Housing and Development (US HUD) required two public hearings each year at times and locations convenient to potential and actual beneficiaries. Ms. Coble stressed that hearings held during day time hours at a downtown location were not convenient for the low to moderate income individuals served by the affordable housing programs. Ms. Coble urged the Committee to hold a hearing convenient for those persons and that this be the only issue addressed at that scheduled hearing.*

*Mr. Albert Milo, Urban Development Group, stated the County needed to revisit the purchase price for the affordable housing units at \$225,000. Mr. Milo stated the purchase prices for existing affordable housing units were coming down. He emphasized no reduction had occurred in the construction cost to build new affordable housing units, therefore, other incentives must be provided in order to keep prices affordable.*

*Hearing no one else wishing to speak before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's comments regarding OCED not being present at the CAC meetings, Mr. Jose Cintron, Director, Office of Community and Economic Development stated OCED was present at the quarterly meetings held by CACs. He indicated some CACs chose to hold more meetings than the quarterly meeting and OCED staff could not commit to be present at those meetings. Mr. Cintron noted eight CACs existed and OCED would attempt to staff*

*monthly meetings held by the CACs, but quarterly meetings were more feasible for OCED as outlined in this resolution. He stated the quarterly CAC meetings could be used as the venue to conduct the two public hearings to seek citizen participation on the Consolidated Plan.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked the OCED Director to have community meetings with OCED Community Advisory Committees. In addition, she asked the OCED Director to include a synopsis of the meetings held with OCED Community Advisory Committee as part of the agenda package along with this proposed resolution.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's comments regarding an Entitlement Municipality requirement to match or exceed the County allocation, Mr. Cintron proceeded to provide an overview of the Entitlement cities that received their Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding from US HUD to fund the activities in their cities.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted her discussion with OCED staff regarding the United States Green Building Council Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) versus the United States Environmental Protection Agency and United States Department of Energy, Energy Star Program, and the need for developers to be more specific on sustainable development and smart growth.*

*Following Chairwoman Edmonson's comments, Mr. Cintron stated OCED staff would rely on the policy decision of the County Commission based on the countywide needs on whether affordable housing developers should adhere to LEED and/or Energy Star programs.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson asked for an explanation of staff's recommendation to increase funding for the administration of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by County departments from 30 percent to 40 percent of the 80 percent of CDBG funding allocation set-aside for County departments.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's request, Mr. Cintron noted the County Commission waived the CDBG funding allocation that went to County Departments up to 50 percent during the fiscal year (FY) 2006-07 and FY 2007-08 budget hearings.*

*A discussion ensued among Commissioner Jordan, Mr. Cintron and Chairwoman Edmonson regarding the US HUD guidelines allowing Miami-Dade County to use 20 percent of the annual entitlement for the administration of the CDBG program and allocate 80 percent towards projects, programs or agencies; the increased funding for County departments and the County Commission's adopted policy providing that only 30 percent of the 80 percent be set aside for County departments; and staff's recommendation to amend that policy to raise the cap to 40 percent.*

*Commissioner Jordan expressed concern with the number of comments by public speakers regarding the lack of citizen participation in the process. She stated OCED and CAA seemed to be diminishing the citizens' involvement process.*

*Commissioner Jordan suggested OCED staff schedule presentations of the Consolidated Plan before each of the OCED CACs.*

*A discussion ensued between Commissioner Jordan and Mr. Cintron regarding citizen participation, the timely submission of the County recommended FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies as part of the FY 2009 Action Plan by November 15, 2008, and the Consolidated Plan process being amended to require the County to seek the CACs input prior to the Plan being presented to the County Commission.*

*Following this discussion, Commissioner Jordan asked Chairwoman Edmonson to defer this resolution to the July 11, 2008, Committee meeting to allow OCED to meet with CACs to present the Consolidated Plan outlined in this resolution.*

*The Committee members and Mr. Cintron had an extensive discussion regarding the need for the OCED to adhere to the County's citizen participation process for feedback and to meet with the CACs regarding the Consolidated Plan; the requirement to notify the public 15-days before a hearing; the timely submittal of the substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan to US HUD; and the possibility of scheduling a Special Committee meeting to address the concerns raised by CACs regarding the Consolidated Plan.*

*Commissioner Moss asked Chairwoman Edmonson to assist in expediting the process for a*

*Special Committee meeting to hear this resolution to adhere to the timeline established by OCED, if necessary.*

*Commissioner Moss spoke in connection to the following items outlined in the June 11, 2008, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Proposed FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies" and the "Miami-Dade County FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies":*

*(1) On page 3 of the County Manager's memorandum regarding "Ease cash flow through reduced retainage," Commissioner Moss spoke in support of this policy and suggested the County review and implement this policy for other Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) as well and county-wide for all projects. He proceeded to explain currently this policy allowed OCED to hold ten percent of a development award as a retainage until the completion of the construction work reached 90 percent. In this resolution it recommended that OCED retain the ten percent until the projects reached 75 percent completion, at which point the retainage would be reduced to five percent. The five percent retainage and any and all remaining retainage would be released after satisfactory final certification of completion or occupancy, final release of liens, and as-built drawings were received by OCED.*

*(2) On page 4 of the County Manager's memorandum regarding "Increase funding for County Departments," Commissioner Moss noted in the past the County Commission had waived the 30 percent to a higher percentage of the annual entitlement for the administration of the CDBG program when necessary. He spoke in support of maintaining the policy that only 30 percent of the 80 percent be set-aside for County Departments and the remaining would be allocated towards projects, programs or agencies.*

*(3) On page 17 of the FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies regarding "Entitlement Municipality," Commissioner Moss spoke in support of this policy that would require an inter-local agreement stating that the entitlement municipality was financially obligated to match or exceed the County allocation with their own CDBG allocation and/or through their own General Funds. He indicated the County should review whether the County's portion within an entitlement city could be monitored to ensure that the residents were being reached.*

*Mr. Cintron assured Commissioner Moss that OCED Contract Officers monitored and conducted site visits. He noted during those visits the Contract Officer did review the roles of those beneficiaries.*

*(4) On page 19 of the FY 2009 Consolidated Planning Process Policies regarding "Public Service," Commissioner Moss asked the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) Director to further review and monitor the Public Service Funds to ensure that the County adhered to the US HUD mandated cap for Public Service Funds.*

*In addition, Commissioner Moss asked the OCED Director to review and change the boundaries for the Perrine Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) as outlined in this proposed resolution to include the area south of SW 168 Street and SW 107 Avenue.*

*Mr. Cintron indicated he would review the Perrine NRSA boundaries in consultation with the Department of Planning and Zoning.*

*Commissioner Moss suggested this Committee schedule an evening meeting.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' request for Mr. Albert Milo or an industry representative to meet with him to discuss the construction costs to build a home, Mr. Milo indicated he would meet with Commissioner Moss or his staff.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' comments, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, noted Commissioners Jordan and Moss had raised the issue of construction cost to build homes on several occasions. She noted at the next Committee meeting Mr. Cintron and Dr. Robert Cruz, Chief Economist, Office of Strategic Business Management would address the issue of construction cost.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson asked Mr. Cintron to provide a better map of the Model City NRSA.*

*The Committee proceeded to vote for the deferral of this resolution to the July 9, 2008, Committee meeting in order to allow OCED to meet with the CACs to seek their input on this resolution. In addition, the Committee at its July 9th, meeting would request a waiver to forward this resolution*

to County Commission for consideration.

Following further discussion among the Committee members regarding the possible need for a Special Committee Meeting to consider this resolution, and hearing no objection, the Committee deferred this resolution to the July 9th, Committee meeting.

1E5

**072467 Ordinance Economic Development and Human Services Committee**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XLVII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

*Withdrawn*

**Report:** See Agenda Item 1E5 Substitute; Legislative File No.081571.

1E5 SUBSTITUTE

**081571 Ordinance Economic Development and Human Services Committee**

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XLVII OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST, PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 072467]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Jordan  
Seconder: Moss  
Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed ordinance into the record.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson opened the public hearing.*

*Mr. Roy Hardemon appeared before the Committee and noted his concern with the Budget and Finance Committee's position at its June 10, 2008, Committee meeting to not support allowing Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAAP) to facilitate economic development in this community. He indicated economic development in the black community was very crucial and he supported MMAAP's mission to address the socio-economic disparity of Miami-Dade County's Black community by advocating and coordinating initiatives and programs for the benefit of the community-at-large.*

*Hearing no one else wishing to speak before the Committee, Chairwoman Edmonson closed the public hearing.*

*The Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

**2 COUNTY COMMISSION**

2A

**081506 Resolution****Natacha Seijas**

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAY MALINA INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION §2-1505(I) OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, IN EXECUTING THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT BETWEEN FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (FIU) AND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROMOTION & WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Jordan*

*Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*The Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution.*

*Commissioner Sorenson expressed concern with this proposed resolution regarding the cost to provide International Trade Promotion and Workforce Education and Training. In addition, she also expressed concern with Agenda Item 2D, a proposed resolution regarding a Sister Cities affiliation between Miami-Dade County and Dakar, Senegal, Legislative File No. 081746, due to the budget deficit and other budgetary cuts coming forth in fiscal year 2008-09, particularly if it was a duplication of services. She suggested the Committee hold off on these items and wait to review the County budget for budget cuts.*

*Commissioner Seijas stated the allocation in this proposed resolution was for the current budget year and in the FY 2008-09 budget, the allocation would be reduction by 50%.*

*Mr. Tony Ojeda, Executive Director, Jay Malina International Trade Consortium (ITC) informed Committee members of a meeting scheduled on Monday, June 16, 2008 with Florida International University to discuss the agreement that addressed International Trade Promotion and Workforce Education and Training.*

*Commissioner Seijas asked Mr. Ojeda to brief Commissioner Sorenson on the purpose and mission of the ITC to promote and to create opportunities for international trade for Miami-Dade County.*

Commissioner Moss stated he believed no conflict existed between ITC and the Beacon Council because their missions were completely different. He informed Committee members that the Mayor of Saint Louis, Senegal asked about the Sister City relationship. Commissioner Moss stated Sister City affiliation provided an opportunity to trade and to create bonds to reach out to other countries. He pointed out Senegal and the West coast of Africa was extremely important because Miami-Dade County desired to be the gateway to Africa. He concluded his comments by stating that he would support the initiatives outlined in this proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2D.

Commissioner Souto concurred with Commissioners Seijas and Moss on the importance of the ITC. He stated he looked forward to the Senegal Soccer Team playing in Miami-Dade County.

Commissioner Sorenson noted her priority was the overall County budget and not ITC.

The Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution and Agenda Item 2D, Legislative File No. 081746 as presented.

Commissioner Seijas thanked Committee members for their support. She indicated she was willing to schedule a Sunshine Meeting with Commissioner Sorenson to discuss the ITC.

2B

081756 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan

Amended

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT UTILIZES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND OTHER APPLICABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO BUY AND REFURBISH FORECLOSED HOMES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS

Report: See Agenda Item 2B Amended, Legislative File No. 081889 for the amended version.

2B AMENDED

081889 Resolution

Barbara J. Jordan,

Jose "Pepe" Diaz

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT UTILIZES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND OTHER APPLICABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO BUY AND REFURBISH FORECLOSED HOMES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS [SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 081756]

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Edmonson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Jordan explained the intent of this proposed resolution.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the Committee forward this proposed resolution as presented. Chairwoman Edmonson seconded this motion.*

*Commissioner Moss offered an amendment to add language to state that "the County Mayor or his designee should actively pursue funds and identify programming and resources where funds are not currently available."*

*In addition, Commissioner Jordan noted she also asked staff to prepare appropriate legislation that should be coming forth soon to review how the County could use its own resources in terms of buying and refurbishing foreclosed homes in Miami-Dade County.*

*Following discussion among Committee members, the Committee forwarded this proposed resolution as amended to add the language, "the County Mayor or his designee should actively pursue funds and identify programming and resources where funds are not currently available," as proposed by Commissioner Moss.*

2C

**081744 Resolution Carlos A. Gimenez**

RESOLUTION ALLOCATING THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY-BASED HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATION FUNDING TO THE UNITED WAY OF MIAMI-DADE BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AND MOVING FORWARD; RESCINDING IN PART RESOLUTION 420-08; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED WAY OF MIAMI-DADE TO EFFECTUATE THE ALLOCATION

*Withdrawn  
Mover: Sorenson  
Second: Jordan  
Vote: 5-0*

**Report:** *Commissioner Gimenez explained the intent of the foregoing proposed resolution.*

*Ms. Irene Taylor-Wooten, Special Assistant to the County Manager for Social Services, informed Committee members that the County's Community-Based Human Services Organization Funding process would be implemented next fiscal year.*

*Commissioner Gimenez spoke in support of the foregoing proposed resolution which provided for the County's Community-Based Human Services Funding process to be handled by the United Way. Commissioner Gimenez noted the County Attorney and Ethics Commission had provided their opinions that the United Way would not be subject to the State of Florida Sunshine laws or the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's request, Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset clarified and provided an overview of the intent of this proposed resolution that would allow the County to make an allocation to United Way for the amount that would normally go to Community-Based Organizations (CBOs). Subsequently, the United Way would use its process to award and allocate funds to CBOs. She indicated because this resolution was clear that the County would not be delegating any of its authority and would simply be making an allocation to United Way, the Sunshine laws would not apply. In addition, Assistant County Attorney Summerset advised because United Way was not a County advisory board, the conflict of interest and the financial disclosure would not apply as well.*

*Assistant County Attorney Summerset noted United Way would use its own discretionary process to allocate funds to the CBOs and this*

*proposal had no provisions for individual commissioners' input.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's comments regarding administrative costs, Ms. Taylor-Wooten stated the United Way may charge some administrative cost to administer the funds because United Way would be performing related functions such as evaluating and monitoring the recipient organizations.*

*Commissioner Gimenez stated the associated administrative costs would be deducted from the allocation made to the United Way to administer the CBOs process.*

*A discussion ensued between Chairwoman Edmonson and Commissioner Gimenez regarding the administrative costs associated with distribution of the CBOs funding.*

*Ms. Taylor-Wooten informed Committee members currently and for FY 2008-09 the Department of Human Services (DHS) CBOs Unit was staffed with 15 employees at a cost of approximately \$1.4 million.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's inquiry regarding the status of those County employees if this resolution passed, Ms. Taylor-Wooten explained the current function of the DHS CBOs Unit and the possible lay-off of the staff.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted she has expressed concern before with County government adding to unemployment in Miami-Dade County.*

*Mr. David Raymond, Executive Director, Office of the Homeless Trust, noted the discussions with United Way on administering the CBO Funding process. He indicated the process to allocate these funds by United Way was different from the County's process. He suggested that each County Commission member make an appointment to the United Way board.*

*Commissioner Jordan questioned whether the United Way would be subject to a County audit.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's question, Assistant County Attorney Summerset stated this proposed resolution provided for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and the United Way, which contained the standard contract language which provided for audits.*

Commissioner Jordan stated this proposed resolution would set a precedent for organizations that desired to administer the County's Community-Based Human Service Organization funding. In addition, she expressed concern with privatization of the CBOs process. She noted a comprehensive monitoring process with established standards for the United Way was needed. She indicated she was not comfortable with exempting United Way from County guidelines, particularly financial disclosure. Commissioner Jordan emphasized that the United Way should adhere to the same County standards imposed upon other entities.

Commissioner Sorenson questioned what other communities allocated funding to the United Way in the manner outlined in this resolution, and she asked for information regarding the allocations made by other communities to the United Way be provided to the Committee.

Commissioner Gimenez stated he would research and provide the information requested by Commissioner Sorenson.

Responding to Commissioner Sorenson's question regarding the funding source for the allocation recommended in this proposed resolution, Mr. Raymond stated it would be funded through the human service funding. He explained previously the Alliance for Human Services administered and allocated the County's CBO funding process for Human Services with County funds.

Commissioner Sorenson stated a policy decision would need to be made by the Commission on whether to retain a pool of discretionary monies, particularly the Commission District Discretionary Funds. She noted County staff cuts would occur in this upcoming budget cycle.

Commissioner Sorenson asked Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry to provide the Committee with the United Way of Miami-Dade's performance evaluation and to include an evaluation on the United Way administering the County's Community-Based Human Services Organization Funding.

Commissioner Moss stated he did not oppose further exploration of this proposed resolution, but he had a concern with the non-compliance of Sunshine Laws and financial disclosure by United

Way.

*Commissioner Moss asked Senior Advisor to the County Manager Cynthia Curry to ensure United Way of Miami-Dade President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Harve Mogul or his representative(s) was present at the next Committee meeting scheduled for July 11, 2008, to discuss this proposed resolution.*

*Commissioner Seijas noted she had attempted, along with Commissioner Jordan, to achieve exactly what was being recommended in this proposed resolution, and the United Way did not originally support it because of the Sunshine Laws. She expressed concern that other entities that did business with the County were subject to Sunshine Laws, and the United Way should adhere to Sunshine laws as well. She recommended the Committee or County Commission hear from Mr. Mogul regarding the concerns raised at today's (6/11) Committee meeting. She concluded her comments by noting potential staff lay-offs in the Department of Human Services.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's request for an explanation on the Sunshine Laws, Assistant County Attorney Summerset stated that, in general, the Sunshine law provided that a meeting held with two or more members of the same board to discuss business should be publicly noticed and open to the public.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson stated the United Way would not be required to notice meetings, therefore, the County Commission may not know how the CBOs were chosen and how much was allocated to each CBO.*

*Assistant County Attorney Summerset stated this proposed resolution provided that, pursuant to the MOU, the United Way would provide quarterly reports to the County Commission outlining how funds had been spent throughout the community.*

*It was moved by Commissioner Jordan that the Committee defer this proposed resolution to the July 11, 2008, Committee meeting to allow the United Way an opportunity to respond to the concerns raised by Committee members. Commissioner Sorenson seconded this motion.*

*Commissioner Sorenson emphasized her request for more information and for United Way to be present to discuss this proposed resolution.*

Economic Development and Human Services Committee

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Following the discussion on the motion to defer, Commissioner Gimenez requested the Committee to withdraw this proposed resolution at this time and he would address the concerns raised at today's (6/11) Committee meeting. He noted the DHS staff that currently administered the County's CBOs process would be reassigned within County government. Commissioner Gimenez urged the Committee to withdraw this resolution.

Commissioner Jordan withdrew her motion for deferral of this proposed resolution.

Mr. Raymond stated the County Commission should be informed of the United Way CBO process because it was more stringent than the County's process.

Hearing no objection, the Committee proceeded to vote to withdraw this proposed resolution.

Assistant County Attorney Summerset clarified, for the record, the Sunshine law did not generally apply to a simple allocation of County funds to an agency. She advised if the County delegated authority to the agency to act on behalf of the County, the agency would be required to adhere to the Sunshine law.

2C SUPPLEMENT

081866 Supplement

Carlos A. Gimenez

SUPPLEMENT TO AGENDA ITEM NO. 2C REGARDING  
LEGAL OPINIONS

*Withdrawn*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 5-0*

2D

081746 Resolution

Natacha Seijas,

Barbara J. Jordan

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING A SISTER CITIES  
AFILIATION BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND  
DAKAR, SENEGAL

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable  
recommendation*  
*Mover: Moss*  
*Seconder: Souto*  
*Vote: 4-1*  
*No: Sorenson*

**Report:** See Report under Agenda Item 2A, Legislative File  
No. 081506.

**3 DEPARTMENT(S)**

3A

**081432 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE METRO MIAMI ACTION PLAN TRUST (MMA) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RELEASE TO THE EIGHT PERCENT OF THE BUSINESS TAX RECEIPT REVENUES THAT ARE BEING HELD IN ESCROW BY THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON BEHALF OF MMA AS AUTHORIZED BY THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DURING THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2007 BUDGET HEARING (Metro-Miami Action Plan)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Sorenson*

*Second: Edmonson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Sorenson asked for clarification on the status of this proposed resolution if this Committee forwarded it with a favorable recommendation to the County Commission.*

*Assistant County Attorney Summerset advised this resolution would not move forward to the County Commission due to the action taken by the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) to lay this resolution on the table at its June 10, 2008, Committee meeting.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson noted she intended to ask the Board of County Commissioners' (BCC) Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro regarding the procedure of having proposed legislation heard by two or more BCC Committees.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding why this proposed resolution was considered by the BFC, Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, explained this proposed resolution included the eight percent of Business Tax Receipt Revenues being held by the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) on behalf of MMA, and the BFC had to consider the appropriation of these revenues to MMA in order for MMA to have the expenditure authority for these revenues.*

*Commissioner Jordan asked Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset to prepare two ordinances; 1) authorizing the release of the eight (8%) percent of Business Tax Receipt Revenues to*

*Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) as authorized by the County Commission during the September 20, 2007 Budget Hearing; and 2) continuation of the allocation and administration of eight percent of the annual Business Tax Receipt Revenues by MMAP.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's request for a further explanation of a Commission Committee tabling an item, Assistant County Attorney Summerset stated this proposed resolution would not move forward because both BCC committees must take final action on this resolution. She stated this resolution could not be considered again by the BFC for a period of 90-days.*

*The Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

*Commissioner Moss spoke in support of the legislation proposed by Commissioner Jordan. In addition, he asked Assistant County Attorney Summerset if the percentage of the Business Tax Receipt revenues going to the Beacon Council could go to another organization besides the Beacon Council.*

*Assistant County Attorney Summerset informed Committee members in 1994 former County Attorney Robert Ginsburg provided a legal opinion on this issue. She indicated the question was whether the eight percent allocated to MMAP was inconsistent with the Florida State Statutes which provides that the County designate an economic development agency which would receive the Business Tax Receipt revenues. The opinion was that the entire amount should go to the Beacon Council and then the Council would enter into a grant agreement, which it did in 1995, with MMAP providing that MMAP receive eight percent of the revenues in a joint venture or as a subcontractor, and this was consistent with the Florida State Statutes. She indicated the State law had not changed; therefore, this opinion was still valid.*

*A discussion ensued between Commissioner Moss and Assistant County Attorney Summerset regarding the MMAP Economic Development Strategic Plan, the review of this plan, and the proposed activities outlined in the plan that was determined to be consistent with applicable law.*

*Commissioner Moss emphasized the Beacon*

*Council needed to provide and facilitate more economic development activities in the black community.*

3B

**081727 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE OF PRINCIPALS FOR THE PARKVIEW GARDENS APARTMENTS DEVELOPMENT FROM THE CARLISLE GROUP VI, LTD. TO CARRFOUR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, INC.; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF DOCUMENTARY SURTAX FUNDING AWARDED TO PARKVIEW GARDENS, LP THROUGH RESOLUTION R-641-07 AND CARLISLE GROUP VI, LTD THROUGH RESOLUTION R-32-07 TO CARRFOUR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING; AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE IN UNIT MIX FROM 40 UNITS TO 60 UNITS UPON APPROVAL BY THE FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY AGREEMENTS (Office of Community and Economic Development)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation  
Mover: Jordan  
Seconded: Moss  
Vote: 4-0  
Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

3C

**081692 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE, AMEND AND EXTEND SUCH AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED (Human Services Department)

*Amended*

**Report:** *See Agenda Item 3C Amended, Legislative File No. 081898 for the amended version.*

3C AMENDED

**081898 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS WITH INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIP PLACEMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE, AMEND AND EXTEND SUCH AGREEMENTS AS REQUIRED (SEE ORIGINAL ITEM UNDER FILE NO. 081692) (Human Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation with committee amendment(s)*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconded: Jordan*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Moss questioned how the Student Internship Placement program for the Department of Human Services would ensure a diverse group of interns was selected.*

*Ms. Phyllis Tynes-Saunders, Director, Department of Human Services (DHS) provided an overview of the DHS Psychological Services Division, which was certified by the American Psychological Association (APA) as a practicum site for its doctoral candidates and follows the training standards set forth by APA. She noted the intent of this proposed resolution was to expand the scope of the Student Internship Placement to include a wide range of programs that afforded students opportunities for in-depth training and practical experience within the realm of social services. She addressed the diversity of the program and the students participating in the Student Internship Placement.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's question regarding the County's Internship Program, Ms. Curry informed Committee members the County's program had been suspended for the past two years due to budgetary issues.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee forwarded the foregoing proposed resolution as amended to add language to the Non-Discriminatory Clause in the attached Affiliation Agreement to provide that efforts be made to have a diverse Student Internship Program for institutions that requested student internship placements within Miami-Dade County departments, as proposed by Commissioner Moss.*

3D

**081726 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING MIAMI-DADE HOUSING AGENCY'S (MDHA) 2008-2009 PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN (PHA PLAN) SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY UNITED STATES HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (US HUD); REQUESTING THAT THE US HUD OVERSIGHT ADMINISTRATOR SUBMIT THE PLAN TO US HUD ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR FINAL APPROVAL

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 5-0*

(Miami-Dade Housing Agency)

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Ms. Cynthia Curry, Senior Advisor to the County Manager, introduced Ms. Lindsey Green, the new United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) Oversight Administrator.*

*Ms. Green stated that she looked forward to her new role as the US HUD Oversight Administrator.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's comments, Ms. Green stated she would commit to maintaining the monthly meeting with Chairwoman Edmonson.*

*Responding to Chairwoman Edmonson's comments regarding the demolition of Lincoln Gardens noted on handwritten page 10, Ms. Kris Warren, OCED, informed Committee members that Lincoln Gardens was a Building Better Communities General Obligation Bond (GOB) Program project and was a part of the Public Housing Agency Plan (PHA Plan). She noted OCED was working with MDHA on the planning stages to determine the maximum number of housing units that could go back on the Lincoln Gardens site.*

*Ms. Green stated every effort was being made to rebuild affordable housing on the Lincoln Gardens site. She indicated that she would work with all other County departments to ensure MDHA maximized the affordable housing opportunities in the County. Ms. Green stated additional affordable housing units could be built on the site if funding was available.*

*Ms. Warren stated one option for Lincoln Gardens was to hire a developer and use the GOB Program funding to assist in developing affordable housing units.*

*Commissioners Jordan and Moss welcomed Ms. Green and indicated they were looking forward to working with her as the new US HUD Oversight Administrator.*

*Responding to Commissioner Moss' question, Ms. Warren stated Lincoln Gardens was included in HOPE VI.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

3E

**081732 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN RELATING TO WEST PERRINE REDEVELOPMENT AREA DESCRIBED GENERALLY AS BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY SW 168TH STREET, BOUNDED ON THE EAST AND SOUTHEAST BY STATE ROAD 5 (US 1), AND BOUNDED ON THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST BY THE STATE ROAD 821 (THE HOMESTEAD EXTENSION OF FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE) TO PROVIDE FOR COMMUNITY POLICING INNOVATIONS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ENHANCEMENT IN THE WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (Office of Strategic Business Management)

***Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation***

***Mover: Moss***

***Seconder: Sorenson***

***Vote: 4-0***

***Absent: Souto***

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

3F

**081733 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-08 FOR THE WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (Office of Strategic Business Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

3G

**081734 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING PROVISION OF DEDICATED NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT ACTION TEAM BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND SECURITY PATROL SERVICES BY GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; BOTH EXCLUSIVELY WITHIN BOUNDARIES OF THE WEST PERRINE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA (Office of Strategic Business Management)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Moss*

*Seconder: Sorenson*

*Vote: 4-0*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

3H

**081737 Resolution**

RESOLUTION APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDER 4-107 TO REVISE THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND RESCINDING ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 4-107 (Consumer Services Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

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**081782 Resolution**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXPEND NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 TO SURVEY COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST IN EXPANDING THE COUNTY'S HEALTH CARE PLANS TO ALL MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYEE'S HOUSEHOLD IN ORDER TO DEVELOP AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF SUCH EXPANSION (General Services Administration Department)

*Forwarded to BCC with a favorable recommendation*

*Mover: Jordan*

*Secunder: Moss*

*Vote: 3-1*

*No: Sorenson*

*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing proposed resolution into the record.*

*Commissioner Moss noted a concern was raised regarding the County using a small business enterprise (Deloitte Consulting LLP) with an existing County contract to develop, collect, and analyze the results of a survey to determine the potential cost of expanding availability of the County's health plan to all members of the employee's household as a part of the existing contract. He questioned whether a Request for Proposals (RFP) process was used to award the current County contract with Deloitte.*

*Ms. Wendi Norris, Director, General Services Administration, noted an RFP had been issued for Deloitte's current contract that would expire at the end of this year and the RFP had a selection criterion for Small Business Enterprises (SBEs). She proceeded to inform the Committee that the County would conduct the online survey, and that the foregoing proposed resolution, if approved, would authorize the County Mayor or his designee to engage Deloitte under its existing contract, to develop the appropriate questions that would generate the data necessary to do the actual analysis in response to this Committee's request for staff to conduct a survey of employees to determine their interest in expanding the County's health care plans to all members of the employee's household.*

*A discussion ensued among the Committee members and Ms. Norris regarding the scope and the financial impact of the survey.*

*Hearing no further questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on this proposed resolution as presented.*

**4 COUNTY MANAGER**

**5 COUNTY ATTORNEY**

**6 CLERK OF THE BOARD**

6A

**081507 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 12, 2008 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the report as presented.*

6B

**081783 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2008 FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee proceeded to vote on the report as presented.*

6C

**081784 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 23, 2008  
FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN  
SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset  
read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee  
proceeded to vote on the report as presented.*

6D

**081785 Report**

CLERK'S SUMMARY OF MINUTES FOR MAY 14, 2008  
FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN  
SERVICES COMMITTEE (Clerk of the Board)

*Approved*  
*Mover: Sorenson*  
*Seconder: Jordan*  
*Vote: 4-0*  
*Absent: Souto*

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset  
read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Hearing no questions or comments, the Committee  
proceeded to vote on the report as presented.*

**7 REPORTS**

7A

**081802 Report**

ORAL REPORT RE: THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC OUTLOOK BY DR. ROBERT D. CRUZ, OSBM (County Manager)

**Report Received**

**Report:** *Assistant County Attorney Shannon Summerset read the foregoing report into the record.*

*Dr. Robert D. Cruz, Chief Economist, Office of Strategic Business Management, appeared before the Committee. He provided an oral overview of the Microsoft PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Current Economic Conditions and Short-term Outlook." He referred to the May 5, 2008, County Manager's memorandum entitled, "Economic Impact of Recession on Miami-Dade County," and indicated he would provide weekly and/or periodic economic update reports on economic conditions that would be distributed to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). In addition, Dr. Cruz noted he was always available for each BCC member to discuss issues or questions regarding the economy.*

*Commissioner Moss expressed appreciation to Dr. Cruz for the oral report and his analysis on the importance of international trade. He asked that the updates continue and noted he would ask BCC Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro to have a full discussion before the BCC regarding this report.*

*Commissioner Jordan expressed appreciation to Dr. Cruz for the oral report. She indicated she would like to see a comparison after October 1st between Florida and other parts of the country.*

*Responding to Commissioner Jordan's comments regarding a recession, Dr. Cruz indicated a recession was defined in a broader base. He stated a recession existed in the real estate and the construction markets. Dr. Cruz stated the question was whether that recession has spread to other parts of the economy. He suggested signs that the recession had spread were beginning to show, especially if the consumer spending numbers continued to show slow growth or decline.*

*Chairwoman Edmonson expressed appreciation to Dr. Cruz for the comprehensive report. She requested staff to prepare the appropriate memorandum to the Board of County*

*Commissioners (BCC) Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro requesting that the Board's Rules and Procedures be waived to hear the foregoing report at the June 17, 2008, Board meeting.*

**8 ADJOURNMENT**

**Report:** *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.*